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REMARKS

STATUS SUMMARY

Claims 1-64 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 11, 12, 28, 29, 42, 46-48, 52-54, and 59 under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,590,402 to *Samson et al.* ("Samson"). The Examiner has also rejected claims 13, 17-19, 21, 22, 24, 30, 34-36, 39, and 41 under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Samson* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,317,607 to *Tomcik et al.* ("Tomcik"), and claims 13, 17-19, 21, 22, 24, 30, 34-36, 39, and 41 as being unpatentable over *Samson* in view of *Tomcik* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,373,823 to *Chen et al.* ("Chen").

Claims 1-10, 25-27, and 64 are allowed. Dependent claims 14-16, 20, 31-33, 37, 43-45, 49-51, 55-58, and 60-63 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claims 11-13, 17-19, 21-24, 28-30, 34-36, 38-42, 46-47, 54, and 59, and amended claims 14, 20, 31, 37, 49, 55, and 60 by rewriting these claims in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 52 and 53 were also rejected. Claim 52, however, was amended to claim from allowable claim 49, rather than rejected claim 48, and therefore, claim 52 as amended is allowable, as is claim 53, which claims from allowable claim 52.

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Applicant respectfully submits therefore that claims 1-10, 14-16, 20, 25-27, 31-33, 37, 43-45, 49-53, 55-58, and 60-64 as presented are in a condition for allowance, and favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding Amendments and Remarks.

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**CONCLUSION**

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Amendments and Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

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